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City Cracks Down on Illegal Home Rentals

In the City's continuing efforts to address rental of unattached single-family homes for less than six months.

quality of life issues, the Department of Code Compliance continues to enforce City codes that affect its residents. One problem residents living in a single-family district are faced with is homes that are being rented on a short-term basis to large groups, usually for parties.



By posing as a potential client, the Code Compliance Department has gained information of some twelve (12) luxury homes that are being leased for less than six months in violation of the City Code. The City has issued notices to all of the property owners and will be referring the cases to the Special Master for a hearing to obtain an adjudication of guilt in these cases.

The Department of Code Compliance has proactively investigated homes that are being rented out in Miami Beach on a less than a six months basis to large groups of people that are having an impact on neighborhoods. Some Miami Beach homes are being marketed on the Internet for monthly rentals for as much as \$40,000 a month.

Another recent case in which a property was rented for a week is being forwarded to the City's Special Master for a finding of guilt in which the City will be seeking a fine of \$15,000. The City has taken on over 60 cases such as these over the last year.

Miami Beach City Code's Land Development Regulations (Section 142-102) prohibits the

If you suspect a home is being rented illegally, please contact the Department of Code Compliance at 305-673-7555.

City Develops a Major Events Plan

The City has made significant progress on developing a plan to prepare for all upcoming holiday weekends and major events that impact the community. The City is maintaining close communications with the hospitality and entertainment industries to anticipate the arrival of potentially large groups to the City. When the City becomes aware of such large activity, the City will begin to educate visitors and businesses alike on the rules of conduct that the City will enforce. To help deal with large crowds, the City has initiated a Goodwill Ambassador program made up of City employees who volunteer their time to assist with providing information to visitors. In addition, the City has sought additional manpower and resources from Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami should the need arise.

Pet Initiative

Miami Beach Police officers and Miami-Dade Animal Control personnel will be conducting random checks throughout the City for the following City and County ordinances:

- * Pet leash violations
- * Pooper-scooper violations
- * Pit bull violations
- * Other Animal Control violations

Persons found in violations of these Ordinances will be cited. These citations may carry penalties with heavy fines. This will be an on-going program designed to protect the health and welfare of those live and visit the City.

Please, obey
the Laws



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

CiviCall

(For Information & Comments)
305-604-CITY (2489)

**Office of the Mayor and
Commission**
305-673-7030

Office of the City Manager
305-673-7010

Police (non-emergency)
305-673-7900

Fire (non-emergency)
305-673-7120

Parks & Recreation
305-673-7730

Parking
305-673-PARK

City Job Hotline
305-673-7777

City Clerk
305-673-7411

**Bulky Waste
Pick-Up Appointment**
305-638-3800

**Water &
Sewer**
305-673-7625



City's Mission Statement

"We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work, and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community."



Joe Reilly, Carmen Carlson, Bill Gonzalez, Sallyn Arce, & Jose Cruz

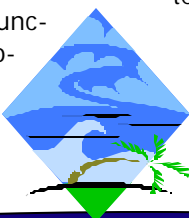
AT YOUR SERVICE!

The Finance Department's **Office of Management & Budget (OMB)** is responsible for ensuring the financial stability and integrity of the City by preparing and maintaining the City's Annual Operating Budget following the tenets of F.S.S. 200.065, commonly referred to as the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Act. This Office provides financial and policy analysis to the City Manager, departments, agencies and the public; analyzes departmental budget requests; prepares the Proposed and Adopted Budget books; provides tax policy analysis; serves as the Administration's liaison to the Budget Advisory Committee; forecasts five-year revenues and expenditures as well as monitoring revenues and expenditures on a year-round basis.

Quarterly reports on the fiscal condition of the City are also prepared and presented to the City Commission. This analysis compares budget to actual variances and projects year-end revenues and expenditures for General, Enterprise and Internal Service funds.

During the past seven months, a number of briefings and presentations were made to both internal and external audiences to receive community input and provide an understanding of the City's fiscal plan. Additionally, the City's Budget Advisory Committee played a valuable role during this process.

The Fiscal 2001/2001 Proposed Budget Book provides a comprehensive look at the City's budget and financial plan for the upcoming year. It has been greatly expanded to include the City's goals, objectives and accomplishments on a functional basis. The FY01/01 Proposed Budget Book is available online at www.ci.miami-beach.fl.us.



Miami Beach Hurricane Preparation brochures are available in English and Spanish. Call 305-673-7130 to request yours.

KNOW THE CODES



Fencing

The City Code prohibits the installation of a chain link fence in any front yard and any yard facing a public right-of-way or waterway. Wood fences and solid masonry walls are discouraged by Design Review Guidelines. Fences in side or rear yards or in side yards facing a dead end street may be exempt from these requirements. The surfaces of both sides of a fence are required to be finished in such manner so that the fence or wall has an equal or better appearance when viewed from an adjoining property. Properties in multi-family, historic and commercial zoning districts must get additional approvals prior to obtaining a building permit for a fence. You must obtain a permit from the Building Department prior to installing any fence. For more information, contact the Building Department at 305-673-7610 and the Planning Department at 305-673-7550.



Let's Talk Trash!

Please do not set your garbage out for collection more than 24 hours before your scheduled pick-up.

Regular residential garbage does not have to be placed on the swale. BFI will collect residential waste from back or side yard two times a week.

Yard clippings should be properly containerized or bundled, and placed out on the curb for collection on your second scheduled collection day of the week, and should not be placed prior to 24 hours of your scheduled pick-up

date. Gardeners must remove yard waste immediately following the work performed.

Bulky waste must not be placed on the swale prior to 24 hours of your scheduled pick-up appointment. For an appointment, call BFI at 305-638-3800.

Fines for the above are \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second violation within 12 months, and \$500 for the third violation within 12 months of the first violation.

For more information, call the Sanitation Department at 305-673-7610 or BFI at 305-633-2700.



Hurricane Evacuation & Re-Entry

Evacuate the City immediately when directed by City/County officials.

Residents with special care and/or need special transportation to evacuate must register with the Miami-Dade County Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program immediately (before an impending hurricane). Call 305-513-7700 or 305-468-5402 TDD.

Re-entry into the City will be done in two phases.

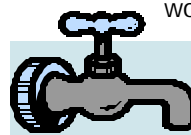
Phase I: Police, Fire, hospital, and critical City personnel only will re-enter.

Phase II: Residents will not be allowed to return to the City until City officials determine that potentially hazardous conditions are stabilized. Residents should monitor local radio and television broadcasts to learn when they can return to the City.

All residents must have at least one form of picture identification which documents that they reside in the City to be allowed re-entry.

Community Policing Beach Boardwalk Project a Success

Over the last year, the Police Department in partnership with Public Works, Property Management, Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, Sanitation and Information Technology identified and resolved many issues that affected the quality of life in the Boardwalk area. Some of the improvements accomplished were: the shrubs were trimmed; areas under the boardwalk were sealed and made inaccessible; the public telephones were removed and replaced with emergency intercom systems that ring directly into the 911 Center; lights have been repaired and/or replaced; trash has been collected; street numbers have been placed at the appropriate locations; the Boardwalk has been repainted; and warning signs have been posted "protected/closed areas" as well as "prohibiting bicyclists and skaters." This project was teamwork at its best!



Phase II of Mandatory Water Restrictions

For information on the restrictions and how to further conserve water, log on to www.sfwmd.gov or call 1-800-662-8876.